

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Please CANCEL claims 1-14 and 21-25 without prejudice or disclaimer. Please AMEND claim 15 to read as follows. Please Add new claim 26.

1-14. (CANCELLED)

15. (ORIGINAL) ~~The washing machine according to claim 14, wherein the air guide comprises~~ A washing machine, comprising:

a water tub; and

a drying apparatus provided on an outer surface of the water tub, the drying apparatus including:

a condensing duct provided on a rear surface of the water tub; and

at least a pair of air guides comprising a first air guide and a second air guide which are longitudinally arranged in the condensing duct so as to partition the inner space of the condensing duct into a first condensing path, a second condensing path, and a third condensing path, the first and third condensing paths in communication with each other through the second condensing path,

wherein air in the first condensing path travels in a first vertical direction, air in the second condensing path travels in a second vertical direction opposite the first vertical direction, and air traveling in the third condensing path travels in the first vertical direction.

16. (ORIGINAL) The washing machine according to claim 15, wherein the drying apparatus further comprises:

an ultrasonic atomizing unit provided in the first condensing path to make fine water particles, thus condensing vapor from air which passes through the first condensing path.

17. (ORIGINAL) The washing machine according to claim 15, wherein the drying

apparatus further comprises:

a condensing nozzle provided in the second condensing path to spray water, thus condensing vapor from air which passes through the second condensing path.

18. (ORIGINAL) The washing machine according to claim 15, wherein the drying apparatus further comprises:

a water adsorption unit provided in the third condensing path to adsorb vapor from air which passes through the third condensing path.

19. (ORIGINAL) The washing machine according to claim 14, wherein the drying apparatus further comprises:

a blower duct provided on the outer surface of the water tub to form a closed air circulation circuit, in cooperation with both the water tub and the condensing duct, so that air to dry laundry passes through the closed air circulation circuit.

20. (ORIGINAL) The washing machine according to claim 19, further comprising:
a blower fan and a heater provided in the blower duct to feed dry air of a high temperature into the water tub.

21-25. (CANCELLED)

26. (NEW) A drying apparatus for a washing machine, comprising:
a condensing duct provided on a rear surface of a water tub; and
at least a pair of air guides comprising a first air guide and a second air guide which are longitudinally arranged in the condensing duct so as to partition the inner space of the condensing duct into a first condensing path, a second condensing path, and a third condensing path, the first and third condensing paths in communication with each other through the second condensing path,

wherein air in the first condensing path travels in a first vertical direction, air in the second condensing path travels in a second vertical direction opposite the first vertical direction, and air traveling in the third condensing path travels in the first vertical direction.